IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 7602 OF 2006

Tajaswi Eknath Dhadse ...Petitioner

V/s.

State of Maharashtra & Anr. ...Respondents

Shri R.K.Mendadkar for the Petitioner.
Shri R.D. Rane, Government Pleader for the State.

CORAM : SMT.RANJANA DESAI &
V.M. KANADE, JJ.

DATED : NOVEMBER 21, 2006

P.C. :-

1. Leave to amend. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that application form of the petitioner for verification of caste certificate is not being accepted by respondent no.2 - Divisional Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee. The case of respondent no.2 appears to be that the application is submitted after the expiry of last date prescribed by the Government for acceptance of the

application form for verification.

3. Mr.Mendadkar, learned Counsel for the petitioner contended that no time as such is prescribed under the Maharashtra Act No.XXIII of 2001. He pointed out that under Section 6(2), the application has to be submitted well in time. The learned Counsel contended that hence, approach of respondent no.2 is improper and this Court should in the interest of justice direct the respondent to accept the application form.

4. We have also heard the learned Government Pleader, Mr.Rane for the State. We find substance in the submission made by the learned Counsel for the petitioner. In our opinion, the following order will meet the ends of justice.

5. Respondent No.2 - Divisional Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee, is directed to accept the application form of the petitioner dated 11th November, 2006 for verification of caste certificate dated 6th

June, 2006 issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Panvel, Raigad District and to verify the same in accordance with law.

. Writ petition is disposed of in the aforestated terms.

(RANJANA DESAI, J.)

(V.M. KANADE, J.)